

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1027
TO BE ANSWERED ON TUESDAY, July 26, 2022
SRAVANA 4, 1944 (SAKA)**

Note of DoE on PMGKAY

1027. SHRI JAVED ALI KHAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Department of Expenditure (DoE) has advised recently to stop free ration scheme under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) beyond September 2022 or any tax cut due to fiscal condition of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reasons for such a poor fiscal condition of the country?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)**

- (a) No Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) As per the Provisional Actuals data released by the Office of the Controller General of Accounts (CGA), the Central government's Fiscal deficit has declined from 9.2 per cent of GDP in 2020-21 to 6.7 per cent of GDP in 2021-22. The Budget 2022-23 estimates the fiscal deficit to be 6.4 per cent of GDP in 2022-23.
